

REMARKS

The Office Action dated 10/03/2005 indicates claims 3, 5, 16-38 are pending, of which claims 5, 16, 17, and 22-38 are allowed. Claims 3 and 18-21 are rejected.

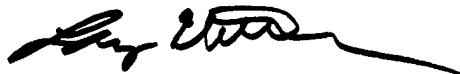
Applicant gratefully acknowledges the Examiner's finding of claims 5, 16, 17, and 22-38 as being allowed.

In order to expedite the issuance of a patent for the allowed claims, the rejected claims 3 and 18-21 have been canceled without prejudice. Applicant reserves the right to continue prosecuting these canceled claims in one or more qualifying applications such as continuation, continuation in part, and request for continued examination.

In view of the foregoing claim amendments and remarks, further and favorable action in the form of a notice of allowance for claims 5, 16, 17, and 22-38 is believed to be next in order, and such action is earnestly solicited.

Please telephone the undersigned at (408) 396-1112 if there are any questions regarding this matter.

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